THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir. The physical possession of LIG flats under hire-purchase scheme is handed over to the allottees on receipt of initial amount as demanded under the terms of allotment of flats and after completion of codal formalities such as verification of payment made, submission/scrutiny of required documents, payment of interest on belated payments and on payment of up-to-date monthly instalments, if any;

(b) Question does not arise.

Sanitation and Sewage Facilities in Urban Areas

4532. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of population who do not have sanitation facilities and use of sewage system, particularly in Urban areas in the country.

(b) whether Government have any plan so that cent per cent population can have complete sanitation facilities; and

(c) if so, by when and the total financial outlay earmarked for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) As per the information furnished by the State/Health Engineering Departments, Water Supply and Sewerage Boards, etc., it has been assessed that about 51% of the urban population have not been provided with sewerage and sanitation facilities as on 31-3-97.

(b) and (c) Sanitation being a State subject, it is responsibility of the State Government/urban local bodies to plan, formulate, execute, operate and maintain sanitation and sewerage schemes out of State Plan resources. The 9th Plan envisages coverage of 60% of urban areas with sanitation facilities. 9th Plan outlay for total water supply and sanitation (urban and rural) is Rs. 39,538 crores out of which Rs. 30,024 crores are under State and UT plans and Rs. 9,514 crores are under Central Plan.

Membership of Habitat Center in Delhi

4533. SHRI BHAGAT RAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India Habitat Centre have invited fresh applications for membership of Habitat Centre in Delhi;